

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 LIMA 07855 312049Z

20

ACTION IO-13

INFO OCT-01 ARA-06 ISO-00 AID-05 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-07

FRB-03 INR-07 NSAE-00 USIA-06 TRSE-00 XMB-02 OPIC-03

SP-02 CIEP-01 LAB-04 SIL-01 OMB-01 INT-05 AF-08 EA-07

EUR-12 NEA-10 /104 W

----- 057589

R 311910Z AUG 76

FM AMEMBASSY LIMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1585

INFO USUN NEW YORK 777

USMISSION GENEVA

AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

AMEMBASSY PANAMA

AMEMBASSY QUITO

AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMA 7855

DEPARTMENT FOR LOU KAHN

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: UN, ECLA, SENV, OCON

SUBJECT: ECLA REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING FOR UN WATER
CONFERENCE

REF: SANTIAGO 7719

1. ECLA WATER CONFERENCE PREPARATORY MEETING FORMALLY BEGAN
AUGUST 30 ON FUNDAMENTALLY SUBSTANTIVE NOTE, WITH THE QUESTION
OF WHETHER BILATERAL, POLITICAL ISSUES WILL COME TO THE FORE-
FRONT OR STAY IN THE BACKGROUND YET UNDECIDED. GENERAL
REMARKS BY ECLA SYG (IGLESIAS), WATER CONFERENCE SYG (MAGEED),
ARGENTINE CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN (CANO) AND PERUVIAN HOSTS
STRICK APPROPRIATELY BROAD, TOUR D'HORIZON TONES. BOTH
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 LIMA 07855 312049Z

IGLESIAS AND MAGEED MADE REFERENCE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF

TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (TCDC) AND THE WORLDWIDE TCDC CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN ARGENTINA IN 1977. MAGEED MADE MENTION OF THE HABITAT CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO WATER INDICATING HE PLANNED TO CONVENE GROUP OF EXPERTS TO DEVISE WAYS TO IMPLEMENT HABITAT OBJECTIVES PRIOR TO WATER CONFERENCE.

2. MOST ECLA MEMBER NATIONS OCCUPIED DELEGATION SEATS WITH EXCEPTION OF BAHAMAS AND BELIZE. (UK, FRANCE, NETHERLANDS, AND CANADA ALL HAD REPRESENTATION). MEXICO, VENEZUELA, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, AND PERU HAVE SIZEABLE DELEGATIONS (SIX OR MORE). THE CONFERENCE BUREAU CONSISTS OF: PRESIDENT - PERU; VICE PRESIDENTS - VENEZUELA AND JAMAICA; RAPPORTEUR - EL SALVADOR.

3. GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY ARGENTINA, ECUADOR, AND JAMAICA, AND THEY DEALT PRIMARILY WITH TECHNICAL BACKGROUND, EXPERIENCES OF THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, AND AREAS OF INTEREST FOR ACTION PROPOSALS. THE PLENARY WAS THUS PROPERLY CONSTRUCTIVE, WITH MANY DELEGATIONS COMPRISED HEAVILY OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS. THE U.S. IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK IN PLENARY THE AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, SANDWICHED BETWEEN PANAMA (BEFORE) AND CUBA (AFTER). (BOTH CUBA AND PANAMA ARE ONE-MAN DELEGATIONS.)

4. IN ADDITION TO THE PLENARY (WHICH WILL CONTINUE WITH GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS AT LEAST THROUGH WEDNESDAY), THE CONFERENCE DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP (WG) TO CONSIDER ACTION PROPOSALS AND PROVIDE A CONSOLIDATED DOCUMENT FOR PLENARY REVIEW. (THE WG IS AN OPEN-ENDED BODY, WHICH WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION.) AT ITS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING THE PANAMA DELEGATION INDICATED HE INTENDED TO SUBMIT A SPECIAL PROPOSAL, ONE WHICH WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND IS A SEPARATE RESOLUTION ON THE CANAL. BOTH MAGEED AND IGLESIAS ARE SEIZED WITH OUR CONCERNS AND ARE SEEKING TO CONVINCE THE PANAMANIAN DELEGATION THAT INJECTION OF BILATERAL ISSUES OF THIS NATURE WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE (THEY ARE LIKELY TO HAVE GREATER SUCCESS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 LIMA 07855 312049Z

PANAMA IF THEY CAN OBTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BRAZILIANS AND THE ARGENTINES ON THEIR SHARED RIVER RESOURCE PROBLEM). PARENTHETICALLY, THE PANAMA NATIONAL REPORT IS ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SANTIAGO 7719, INCLUDING THE LANGUAGE OF THE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN PARA. 4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE WITH REGARD TO WHETHER THIS LANGUAGE OR ANY MODIFICATION OF THIS LANGUAGE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO US, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER

ALTERNATIVES SUCH AS LANGUAGE WHICH IS SOME WAY
TRACKS THE HABITAT REPORT RECOMMENDATION (SEE LAND
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION D(1)(D)).

5. COMMENT: AT THIS JUNCTURE THE CONFERENCE APPEARS
TO CONTAIN THE PROPER INGREDIENTS FOR A USEFUL EXCHANGE
OF VIEWS AND PRODUCING INTERESTING PROPOSALS FOR ACTION.
IT HAS REASONABLY WELL PREPARED DELEGATIONS, MOST OF
WHOM HAVE EXPRESSED IN GENERAL TERMS, FORMALLY OR
INFORMALLY, HOPES THAT THIS REGIONAL CONFERENCE CAN
CONDUCT ITS BUSINESS WITHOUT ENGAGING IN CONFRONTATIONAL
ISSUES. WHETHER THIS PROVES TO BE THE RESULT WILL
VERY MUCH DEPEND ON HOW EFFECTIVE THE ECLA AND UN
CONFERENCE SECRETARIATS, THE PERUVIANS AND THE ARGENTINE
CONFERENCE HOSTS ARE IN DEALING WITH THE BRAZILIANS AND
PANAMANIAN. WOULD SOME BRAZIL/ARGENTINA AGREEMENT
BE REACHED, RESULTING IN SHARED RESOURCES BEING TREATED IN
SOME GENERAL FASHION IN AN OMNIBUS RESOLUTION, THERE
IS CONSIDERABLY GREATER PROBABILITY THAT THE
PANAMANIAN WOULD FEEL COMPELLED TO WITHDRAW THEIR
SPECIAL RESOLUTION, SINCE IT WOULD STAND AS THE ONLY
BILATERAL ITEM IN THE RECOMMENDATION PORTION OF THE REPORT.
NEVERTHELESS, THERE WOULD PROBABLY STILL BE REFERENCE
TO THE CANAL IN THE BODY OF THE REPORT.
SMITH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: WATER, PLANNING MEETINGS, MEETING REPORTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 31 AUG 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: saccheem
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976LIMA07855
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760331-0236
From: LIMA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t1976084/aaaaacnu.tel
Line Count: 140
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 SANTIAGO 7719
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: saccheem
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <12 MAY 2004 by buchant0>; APPROVED <09 SEP 2004 by saccheem>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ECLA REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING FOR UN WATER CONFERENCE
TAGS: SENV, OCON, UN, ECLA
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006